

FINAL Minutes of the October 26, 2017, Meeting of the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission

The regular quarterly meeting of the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission (MNCC) was held October 26, 2017, at The Mayfield, 6072 S. Archer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Chairman Thomas Baliga called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Baliga opened the meeting by explaining that the MNCC meeting was held pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act and the Commission bylaws.

Chairman Baliga asked Jamie Waelti, a representative for the Chicago Department of Aviation, to record the minutes.

The following members were **present**:

Jerry Ponio, Bedford Park (*Representing Mayor David Brady*)
Trustee Norma Pinion, Bridgeview (*Representing Mayor Steve Landek*)
Alderman Robert Contreras, Burbank (*Representing Mayor Dan Foy*)
Jose Alvarez, Cicero (*Representing Mayor Larry Dominick*)
Mayor Thomas Heller, Forest View
Tom Sheahan, Lyons (*Representing Mayor Christopher Getty*)
Trustee Mitch Milenkovic, Stickney (*Representing Mayor Jeff Walik*)
Mayor Sergio Rodriguez, Summit
Gail Conwell, Chicago Ward 13
Joseph Loduca, Chicago Ward 13
Thomas Baliga, Chicago Ward 14
Christopher Koczwar, Chicago Ward 14
Stan Lihosit, Chicago Ward 14
Felix Kaczynski, Chicago Ward 23
Aaron Frame, Chicago Department of Aviation (*Representing Commissioner Ginger Evans*)

The following members were **not present**:

Frank Damato, Cook County (*Representing Board President Toni Preckwinkle*)
Nance Dulaj, Chicago Ward 13
Kenneth Pannaralla, Chicago Ward 13

Also present:

Forest Lombaer, Chief Assistant Corporation Counsel, Chicago Department of Law
Jeffrey Jackson, Senior Managing Consultant, Landrum & Brown
Jamie Waelti, Executive Assistant, Cotter Consulting, Inc.

A quorum was achieved with 15 of the 18 members present.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Baliga asked if there were any changes to the July 27, 2017 meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as distributed was made by Trustee Pinion and seconded by Mr. Kaczynski. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION (“CDA”)

A. Update Regarding Odorous Windows

- Mr. Frame provided an update regarding odorous vinyl windows. Recently, some homeowners have raised concerns about odors emitted from a small percentage of the acoustical windows manufactured by Sound Solutions. The CDA is taking action to address the concerns of these homeowners as quickly and thoroughly as possible while determining the root cause of the odors to understand any potential impacts better. In 2015, the CDA received calls for two Midway homes that were experiencing odors from their windows. The nature of these calls was unusual to the CDA, and did not represent a trend or a pattern within the 8,000 homes we had sound-insulated. Because Sound Solutions Windows & Doors, LLC, had gone out of business and was not honoring its warranty obligations, the CDA volunteered to replace those windows. To determine the root cause of the odor issue and whether it is actually affecting air quality, the City has retained a specialized environmental and industrial hygiene consultant, Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc., to test for the cause of the odors that emit from some windows. This testing – both a lab test of the materials and indoor air quality testing – is underway. This week the CDA sent a letter to approximately 3,000 Midway homeowners who received Sound Solutions windows and are still under warranty. The purpose of the letter is to inform the community about this odorous window issue and to let the homeowners know that the CDA is taking steps to resolve the issue. To date, we have received 320 inquiries for Midway homes. Of those 320, we have completed odor inspections for 201 homes and have 119 odor indoor inspections scheduled over the next four weeks. The CDA is committed to performing odor inspections in every RSIP home which reports a concern to us.

B. 2nd Quarter 2017 Airport Noise Management System (ANMS) Report

Mr. Frame asked Mr. Jackson of Landrum & Brown to present the 3rd Quarter 2017 Airport Noise Management System Report.

Mr. Jackson provided a brief overview of the information contained in the report and proceeded with the details.

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Runway Use Report

In the 3rd Quarter the majority of arrivals were on Runway 04 L/R and the majority of departures were on Runway 31C.

July – The most used departure runway was 04 L/R going northeast with 41% of all departures and 31C with 33%, followed by 22 R/L with 24% and last 13C with 2%.

The most used arrival runway coming in from the northeast was 04 L/R with 48%, then 31C with 29%, followed by 22 R/L with 21% and last 13C with 2%.

August – The most used departure runway was 31C with 36% followed by 22 R/L with 35%, next 04 L/R With 25% and last 13C with 4%.

The most used arrival runway was 04 L/R, 22 R/L, and 31C with 32% of all arrivals followed by 13C with 4%.

September – The most used departure runway was 31C and 04 L/R with 34% followed by 22 R/L with 30%, and last 13C with 2%.

The most used arrival runway was 04 L/R with 39%, followed by 31C with 31%, and 22 R/L with 30% and last 13C with 0%.

Airline and Aircraft Fleet Mix Report

There was an average of 724 operations per day with 93 of those occurring at night. Southwest Airlines had the highest operations with an average of 485 operations per day with 76 of those occurring at night. The B737, used almost exclusively by Southwest, was the most used aircraft with an average of 486 operations per day. General Aviation followed with 179 operations per day and 7 of which were helicopters.

Permanent Noise Monitor Locations

The report indicates the addresses of the 13 permanent noise monitor locations near the airport as reflected in relation to the Midway 2018 Noise Contour. The report shows the results for July 2017 through September 2017 with quarterly breakdowns and a twelve-month rolling average.

Noise Hotline Report

In the 3rd Quarter there was a total of 35,304 complaints. The highest number of complaints came from Burbank with 25,510 and Justice with 4,812. This significant number of complaints were from 1 address and 72% of all complaints came from 1 address. There was a substantial decrease in the number of complaints in the 3rd Quarter of 2017 compared to previous the 2nd Quarter of 2017. The number of communities that submitted complaints in the 3rd Quarter was greater than previous months.

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REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Residential Sound Insulation Sub-Committee Report

Gail Conwell presented the Residential Sound Insulation Sub-committee Report (see attached). After Mrs. Conwell finished reading the report, Chairman Baliga announced her retirement from the Commission after 21 years of service.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Deployment of a long-term portable monitor southeast of Midway

Mr. Frame is ready to resume the project and will deploy a monitor for a period of 3 months in the southeast quadrant.

NEW BUSINESS

A. No New Business

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Baliga asked if there were any further questions or new business requiring further discussion. With no further questions or other new business, a motion to adjourn was made by Gail Conwell and seconded by Tom Sheahan. The motion passed.

Chairman Baliga adjourned the meeting and informed those present that the next meeting of the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission will be held on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at The Mayfield, Chicago.

Chicago Midway International Airport
Residential Sound Insulation Program
Sub-Committee Report
October 26, 2017

- The Chicago Department of Aviation is working with the FAA to understand the FAA's changes to eligibility for sound insulation programs across the country.
- Once the CDA understands the new changes, the staff will make a presentation to the Residential Committee regarding the next sound insulation phase, which will be Midway Phase 16.

That concludes my report, Mr. Chairman.